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AVOCA BOROUGH THURSDAY, JULY 14TH, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING MEETING MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Avoca Borough Council was held on Thursday, July 14th, 2022 with Council President, Bob Dommermuth, presiding. The work session was called to order at 6:30pm. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:40pm and Pledge of Allegiance was said by Joe Satkowski.

Council members in attendance: Mike Fuller, Holly Homschek, Alan Kiesinger, Dennis O'Brien, Joe Satkowski, Stanley Waleski and Bob Dommermuth. Jim Emlaw and Gary Halagarda were absent.

Also in attendance: Mayor Robert Mullen, Atty. Matthew Boyd, Chief Dave Homschek, Engineer Paul Pasonick and Secretary Kelly O'Brien.

Please note, an executive session was held prior to the work session from 6:15pm to 6:30pm for the purpose of discussing grant applications.

Motion by Joe Satkowski, second by Dennis O'Brien to accept the minutes of the June 2022 Council meeting as presented. Voice Vote: Seven (7) YES

Motion by Mike Fuller, second by Alan Kiesinger to pay all bills present with monies available. Voice Vote: Seven (7) YES

Motion by Stan Waleski, second by Holly Homschek to accept new correspondence as presented. Voice Vote: Seven (7) YES

Motion by Joe Satkowski, second by Dennis O'Brien to accept the June 2022 police report prepared by Chief Homschek and read aloud by Mayor Mullen. Voice Vote: Seven (7) YES

Motion by Holly Homschek, second by Joe Satkowski to adopt Ordinance 11-2022, creating a Civil Service Commission for the Borough of Avoca. Voice Vote: Seven (7) YES

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Motion by Stan Waleski, second by Mike Fuller to approve a donation request in the amount of \$100.00 from the Avoca Ancient Order of Hibernians with monies benefitting their scholarship fund for local seniors. Voice Vote: Seven (7) YES

Motion by Dennis O'Brien, second by Joe Satkowski to approve a renewal quote from Joyce Insurance (HARIE) in the annual amount of \$12,136 for the workmans compensation policy that is set to renew on 8/1/22. Voice Vote: Seven (7) YES

Motion by Joe Satkowski, second by Dennis O'Brien to hire Bill Boggetti as part time / as needed street department worker. Voice Vote: Seven (7) YES

Motion by Mike Fuller, second by Holly Homschek to appoint and replace Pisanchyn Inspection Agency with BHW Construction Consultation Services, Inc. as Avoca Borough's building inspectors and UCC permit issuers. Voice Vote: Seven (7) YES

Motion by Alan Kiesinger, second by Stan Waleski - Resolution 9-2022, applying for HOME funding through the City of Pittston and its Redevelopment Authority to continue offering the COVID-19 home rehab program to eligible residents. Voice Vote: Seven (7) YES

Engineers Report was prepared and presented by Paul Pasonick. See attached.

Police Report was prepared by Chief Homschek and read aloud by Mayor Mullen. See attached.

In other Borough matters:

Tom Matthews and Mike Lampman spoke on behalf of the Avoca Fire Department, informing Council that they had spoken to Senator Flynn about financial assistance to replace their rescue truck and advised that the Borough would have to officially apply for the Hose Company. Mr. Lampman also said that the hose company would pay all application fees.

Stan Spagnuolo updated Council on the new procedures put in place by the employees to address high grass and property maintenance violations. Over 22 tags have been placed on properties and he feels the new system is really working. Stan also advised the intersection of First St. & Pittston Ave. has been patched and he thanked Council for hiring Bill Boggetti as part time street dept worker. He feels Bill is very knowledgeable and will be an asset to have on their team.

Stan Waleski gave brief updates on the Greater Pittston Regional Compost Facility and the NorthEast Land Bank. The compost facility is requesting that all yard waste loads be screened for metal objects, or anything that should not be disposed of at the compost site, as it can severely break equipment. No properties are currently listed in Avoca for the August tax sale, per the Land Bank.

Mike Fuller stated that the municipal grants given from the Lower Lackawanna Valley Sewer Authority are being reinstated this year and Avoca should anticipate a grant in the amount of \$25,000 around September.

Holly Homschek commented that Mike Lampmans ring tone was the best ring tone in the audience.

Motion by Joe Satkowski, second by Dennis O'Brien to adjourn meeting at 6:55pm. Voice Vote: Seven (7) YES